



Minutes

County Council – Regular Session

*Theresa Cull, Council Chair; Suzie Havemann, Council Vice-Chair;
Melanee Hand, Ryn Herrmann, Beverly Neal-Clinton,
David Reagor, and Randall Ryti, Councilors*

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central Avenue

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Theresa Cull, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Cull made opening remarks regarding the meeting's procedure.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

**Present: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton,
Councilor Reagor and Councilor Ryti**

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

See attached e-Comment.
Mr. Nicholas Thompson spoke.
Mr. Tharien Bramhall spoke.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council approve
the agenda moving Item 7.B to 10.B.**

The motion passed with the following vote:

**Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton,
Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti**

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

5. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Presentation of 2025 National Gold Medal Award Program for Public Class V

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke.
Mr. Rod Tarullo, American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, presented the award.

B. Presentation by the Bicycle Working Group of the Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) on Bike Park

Mr. Jerry Cowan, Park and Recreation Board Vice Chair, spoke.
Mr. Kyle Dickman, Bicycle Working Group member, presented.
Mr. Nathan Maier, Bicycle Working Group member, presented.
Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, spoke.

Public Comment:

Ms. Lisa Reader spoke.
Mr. Greg Weiss spoke.
Ms. Georgia Strickfaden spoke.
Ms. Turin Dickman spoke.
Mr. Bridger Dickman spoke.
Ms. Tallie Dickman spoke.
Ms. Amalie Atchley spoke.
Mr. James Wernicke spoke.
Ms. Paula Knepper spoke.
Mr. Jason Koglin spoke.

No action taken.

C. Presentation by the Open Space and Trails Working Group of the Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) on Adopt-A-Trail Program

Mr. Jerry Cowan, Park and Recreation Board Vice Chair, spoke.
Dr. Celeste Raffin, Open Space Working Group member, presented.
Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, spoke.

Public Comment:

Ms. Peggy Dare spoke.

No action taken.

D. Introduction and Presentation of the Updated Trails and Open Space Management Plan

Mr. Eric Peterson, Open Space Specialist, spoke.
Ms. Allison Long, Project Manager, Site Southwest, presented.

Public Comment:

Ms. Peggy Dare spoke.

No action taken.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Motion:

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda and that the motions contained in the staff reports, as amended, be included for the record with item B, AGR1166-25 removed from the Consent Agenda.

- A.** Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR 26-19 with Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Engineers, Inc., dba SCS Field Services, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$475,000.00 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Landfill Methane Monitoring and Maintenance Services for a 7-Year Term

I move that Council approve Services Agreement No. AGR 26-19 with Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Engineers, Inc., dba SCS Field Services, in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.00 plus applicable gross receipts tax for Landfill Methane Monitoring and Maintenance Services for a 7-year term.

- B.** Approval of Task Order No. 29 under Service Agreement No. AGR-22-18a with All-Rite Construction Inc. in the Amount of \$1,934,399.74 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Brewer Arena Improvements and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$2,710,000.00

Heard under Business.

- C.** Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR25-43 with Modern Entrepreneur LLC, dba. Firebrand Creative in the Amount of \$615,900, plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Performing Climate Action Marketing and Engagement Services for a Term of Seven Years

I move that Council approve the Agreement AGR25-43 with Modern Entrepreneur LLC, dba Firebrand Creative in the Amount of \$615,900 plus applicable gross receipts tax for the purpose of performing climate action marketing and engagement services.

- D.** Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR 26-831 with Yearout Mechanical, LLC. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,000,000.00 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for On-Call HVAC and Plumbing Services.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Juan Rael, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

I move that Council approve Service Agreement No. AGR 26-831 with Yearout Mechanical, LLC. in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 plus applicable gross receipts tax for On-Call HVAC and Plumbing Services.

- E. Approval of Task Order No. 1 under Services Agreement No. AGR 26-831 with Yearout Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$499,946.42 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Golf Course Clubhouse HVAC System Replacement and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$650,000.

I move that Council approve Task Order No. 1 under Services Agreement No. AGR 26-831 with Yearout Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$499,946.42 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Golf Course Clubhouse HVAC System Replacement and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$650,000.

- F. Approval of Professional Services Agreement No. AGR26-836 with Stag Liuzza, LLC for Legal Services Related to the Filing of a Civil Action and/or Claims in the Pending Settlements for Recovery of Costs Associated with Damages to the Public Drinking Water System and/or Public Wastewater System Against Defendants who Manufactured, Marketed, Distributed, and/or Sold Aqueous Film-Forming Foam

I move that Council approve Contract Agreement No. AGR26-836 with Stag Liuzza, LLC, for legal services related to the filing of a civil action and/or claims in the pending settlements for recovery of costs associated with damages to the public drinking water system and/or public wastewater system against defendants who manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold aqueous film-forming foam and authorize the County Manager to sign an agreement in substantially the same form as Attachment A and any resulting settlement documents that have been approved to form by the County Attorney.

- G. Approval of Expenditure of Art in Public Places Funds in the Amount of \$6,000 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, to Provide Stipends to Four Artists for Design Proposals for a Lion Sculpture at the Police Station

I move that Council approve the expenditure of the Art in Public Places fund in the amount of \$6,000 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, to provide stipends of \$1,500 each to four artists recommended by the Art in Public Places Board for the development of design proposals for a lion sculpture to be installed at the Los Alamos Police Station.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

RECESS

Chair Cull called for a recess at 8:29 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

- A. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No.747 Adopting a .6125% Municipal Gross Receipts Tax

Councilor Ryti introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 747 adopting a .6125% Municipal Gross Receipts Tax, Being Effective July 1, 2026, and ask the staff to assure that it is published at least fourteen (14) days before the public hearing.

- B. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No.748 Adopting a .0125% County Gross Receipts Tax

Councilor Herrmann introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 748 adopting a .0125% County Gross Receipts Tax, Being Effective July 1, 2026, and ask the staff to assure that it is published at least fourteen (14) days before the public hearing.

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-370; A Code Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Development Code, Article II, Division 2, Section 16-6; Article III, Division 1, Sections 16-12 And 16-14; Article III, Division 2, Sections 16-17, 16-18, 16-19; Article IV, Division 3, Section 16-28; and Article VI, Division 2

Ms. Danyelle Valdez, Planning Manager, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-370; A Code Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Development Code, Article II, Division 2, Section 16-6; Article III, Division 1, Sections 16-12 And 16-14; Article III, Division 2, Sections 16-17, 16-18, 16-19; Article IV, Division 3, Section 16-28; and Article VI, Division 2.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Rytí

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

- B. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-22; A Resolution Removing Uncollectible Utility Accounts from the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Accounts Receivables List for Fiscal Year 2021

Ms. Joann Gentry, Deputy Utilities Manager – Finance and Administration, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council approve Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-22; A Resolution Removing Uncollectible Utility Accounts from the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Accounts Receivables List for Fiscal Year 2021.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Rytí

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

- C. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-21; A Resolution Removing The Unsecured And Uncollectible Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (Cobra), Library Services, General Billings, Ambulance Billing, and Environmental Services Accounts From The Accounts Receivable List Of The Incorporated County Of Los Alamos

Mr. David Griego, Accounting Operations Manager, presented.

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-21; a Resolution Removing the Unsecured And Uncollectible Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (Cobra), Library Services, General Billings, Ambulance Billing, and Environmental Services Accounts From The Accounts Receivable List Of The Incorporated County Of Los Alamos.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

10. BUSINESS

Consent Agenda Item 7.B (heard out of order per approval of agenda)

Approval of Task Order No. 29 under Service Agreement No. AGR-22-18a with All-Rite Construction Inc. in the Amount of \$1,934,399.74 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Brewer Arena Improvements and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$2,710,000.00

Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, presented.

Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, spoke.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Alvin Leapheart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:

Ms. Lisa Reader spoke.

Mr. Jerry Cowan spoke.

Ms. Wendy Burke-Ryan spoke.

Ms. Carol Bronisz spoke.

Ms. Peggy Dare spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Reagor, to send item AGR1166-25 for the approval of Task Order No. 29 under Service Agreement No. AGR 22-18a with All-Rite Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,934,399.74 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Brewer Arena Improvements and establish a Project Budget in the amount of \$2,710,000.00 is sent to the Parks and Rec Board for further evaluation and coordination with the stable owners working group for a recommendation and re-routing to Council when a recommendation has been made.

After further discussion, Councilor Hand withdrew her motion.

A second motion was made by Councilor Hand that Agenda Item AGR1166-25 is sent to the Parks and Rec Board for further coordination and communication with County staff before a final decision is brought back to council for approval.

After further discussion, Councilor Hand restated her second motion.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Reagor, that the Brewer Arena Improvements proposal is sent to the Parks and Rec Board for further communication between the affected parties, including the Stable Owners' Association and County staff, and returned to Council on a future date after further deliberation.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

- A.** Presentation and Possible Approval of Contract for General Services, Agreement No. AGR26-05 with Global Vista Technologies, Inc. dba Destination IQ, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,483,100, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Tourism Marketing Services for a Term of Three Years (formerly Item 10.A)

Ms. Ellyn Felton, Marketing Specialist, presented.

Mr. Alvin Leapheart, County Attorney, spoke.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:

Ms. Jacquelyn Connolly spoke.

Mr. Allen Saenz spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Herrmann that Council approve Contract for General Services, Agreement No. AGR26-05 with Global Vista Technologies, Inc. dba Destination IQ, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,483,100, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Tourism Marketing Services.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Ryti

No: 1 – Councilor Reagor

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

11. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A.** General Council Business

None.

B. Appointments

None.

C. Board and Commission Vacancy Report

1) Board and Commission Vacancy Report

Chair Cull commented that the Board and Commission Vacancy Report is included with the agenda.

D. Board and Commission Reports

None.

E. County Manager's Report

None.

F. Council Chair Report

None.

G. Approval of Councilor Expenses

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve expenses for up to three Councilors to attend the Waste Management Conference in Phoenix, AZ March 9-12, 2026.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann

H. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

1) Tickler Report of Upcoming Agenda Items.

Chair Cull commented that the Tickler Report is included with the Agenda.

County Manager Laurent reminded Councilors that there is a proposed special session for Suicide Prevention training. Chair Cull requested that Councilors respond with their interest.

12. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Ryti commented on Early Voting, the holiday on October 13, and voting in White Rock starting October 18.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Theresa Cull, Council Chair

Attest:

Michael D. Redondo, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Allison Collins, Deputy Clerk



Meeting: County Council - Regular Session on 2025-10-07 6:00 PM

Meeting Time: October 07, 2025 at 5:45pm MDT

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1 Comment ⌚ Closes for Comment October 07, 2025 at 11:45am MDT

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

1 Public Comment



Julie WilliamsHill at October 04, 2025 at 8:34pm MDT

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7. CONSENT

- G.** 20623-25, Approval of Expenditure of Art in Public Places Funds in the Amount of \$6,000 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, to Provide Stipends to Four Artists for Design Proposals for a Lion Sculpture at the Police Station

Carrie Quade Submission is being removed from the documentation, as the artist has formally withdrawn her submission on October 6, 2025.

REVISED RECOMMENDED ACTION

Therefore, use the following revised Recommended Action:

I move that Council approve the expenditure of the Art in Public Places fund in the amount of \$4,500 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, to provide stipends of \$1,500 each to three artists recommended by the Art in Public Places Board for the development of design proposals for a lion sculpture to be installed at the Los Alamos Police Station.

Use this consent motion:

I move that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda and that the motions contained in the staff reports, as amended, be included for the record.

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